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1. RE REFTEL, FOLLOWING IS CHAPTER II. PRINCIPLES AND OBJECTIVES
OF THE PLAN. QUOTE:

13. THIS PLAN OF ACTION IS BASED ON A NUMBER OF PRINCIPLES WHICH
UNDERLY ITS OBJECTIVES AND ARE OBSERVED IN ITS FORMULATION. THE
FORMULATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF POPULATION POLICIES IS THE
SOVERIEGN RIGHT OF EACH NATION. IT IS TO BE EXERCISED IN
ACCORDANCE WITH NATIONAL OBJECTIVES AND NEEDS AND WITHOUT EXTERNAL
INTERFERENCE, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT UNIVERSAL SOLIDARITY IN ORDER TO
IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD.

NATIONAL AUTHORITIES HAVE THE MAIN RESPONSIBILITY FOR NATIONAL
POPULATION POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES. NEVERTHELESS, INTERNATIONAL

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CO-OPERATION SHOULD PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN ACCORD-

ANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER. THE PRINCIPLES ON WHICH THE PLAN OF ACTION IS BASED ARE THE FOLLOWING:

(A) THE PRINCIPAL AIM OF SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT OF WHICH POPULATION GOALS AND POLICIES ARE INTEGRAL PARTS IS TO IMPROVE LEVELS OF LIVING AND THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF THE PEOPLE. OF ALL THINGS IN THE WORLD, PEOPLE ARE THE MOST PRECIOUS. MAN'S KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITY TO MASTER HIMSELF AND HIS ENVIRONMENT WILL CONTINUE TO GROW. MANKIND'S FUTURE CAN BE MADE INFINITELY BRIGHT;

(B) TRUE DEVELOPMENT CANNOT TAKE PLACE IN THE ABSENCE OF NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE AND LIBERATION. ALIEN AND COLONIAL DOMINATION, FOREIGN OCCUPATION, WARS OF AGGRESSION, RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, APARTHEID, NEO-COLONIALISM IN ALL ITS FORMS, CONTINUE TO BE AMONG THE GREATEST OBSTACLES TO THE FULL EMANCIPATION AND PROGRESS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND ALL THE PEOPLE INVOLVED. CO-OPERATION AMONG NATIONS ON THE BASIS OF NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY IS ESSENTIAL FOR DEVELOPMENT. DEVELOPMENT ALSO REQUIRES RECOGNITIONS OF THE DIGNITY OF THE

INDIVIDUAL, APPRECIATION FOR THE HUMAN PERSON AND SELF-DETERMINATION AS WELL AS THE ELIMINATION OF THE CONSEQUENCES OF NATURAL DISASTERS AND THE ELIMINATION OF DISCRIMINATION IN ALL ITS FORMS.

(C) POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT ARE INTERRELATED; POPULATION VARIABLES

INFLUENCE DEVELOPMENT VARIABLES AND ARE ALSO INFLUENCED BY THEM; THE FORMULATION OF A WORLD POPULATION PLAN OF ACTION REFLECTS THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY'S AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF POPULATION TRENDS FOR SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND THE SOCI-ECONOMIC NATURE OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THIS PLAN OF ACTION REFLECTS ITS AWARENESS OF THE CRUCIAL ROLE THAT DEVELOPMENT PLAYS IN AFFECTING POPULATION TRENDS;

(D) POPULATION POLICIES ARE CONSTITUENT ELEMENTS OF SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POLICIES, NEVER SUBSTITUTES FOR THEM: WHILE SERVING SOCIO-ECONOMIC OBJECTIVES, THEY SHOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH INTERNATIONALLY AND NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED HUMAN RIGHTS OF INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM, JUSTICE AND THE SURVIVAL OF NATIONAL REGIONAL AND MINORITY GROUPS;

(E) INDEPENDENTLY OF THE REALIZATION OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL OBJECTIVES, RESPECT FOR HUMAN LIFE IS BASIS TO ALL HUMAN SOCIETIES;

(F) ALL COUPLES AND INDIVIDUALS HAVE THE BASIC HUMAN RIGHT TO DECIDE FREELY AND RESPONSIBLY THE NUMBER AND SPACING OF THEIR CHILDREN AND TO HAVE THE INFORMATION, EDUCATION AND MEANS TO DO SO;

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THE RESPONSIBILITY OF COUPLES AND INDIVIDUALS IN THE EXERCISE OF THIS RIGHT TAKES INTO ACCOUNT THE NEEDS OF THEIR LIVING AND FUTURE CHILDREN, AND THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES TOWARDS THE COMMUNITY;

(G) THE FAMILY IS THE BASIC UNIT OF SOCIETY AND SHOULD BE PROTECTED BY APPROPRIATE LEGISLATION AND POLICY;

(H) WOMEN HAVE THE RIGHT TO COMPLETE INTEGRATION IN THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS PARTICULARLY BY MEANS OF AN EQUAL PARTICIPATION IN EDUCATIONAL,

SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, CULTURAL AND POLITICAL LIFE. IN ADDITION, THE NECESSARY MEASURES SHOULD BE TAKEN TO FACILITATE THIS INTEGRATION WITH FAMILY RESPONSIBILITIES WHICH SHOULD BE FULLY SHARED BY BOTH PARTNERS;

(I) RECOMMENDATIONS IN THIS PLAN OF ACTION REGARDING POLICIES TO DEAL WITH POPULATION PROBLEMS MUST RECOGNIZE THE DIVERSITY OF CONDITIONS WITHIN AND AMONG DIFFERENT COUNTRIES;

(J) IN THE DEMOCRATIC FORMULATION OF NATIONAL POPULATION GOALS AND POLICIES, CONSIDERATION MUST BE GIVEN, TOGETHER WITH OTHER ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL FACTORS, TO THE SUPPLIES AND CHARACTERISTICS OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND TO THE QUALITY OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND PARTICULARLY TO ALL ASPECTS OF FOOD SUPPLY INCLUDING PRODUCTIVITY OF RURAL AREAS; THE DEMAND FOR VITAL RESOURCES INCREASES WITH GROWING POPULATION AND WITH GROWING PER CAPITA CONSUMPTION; ATTENTION MUST BE DIRECTED TO THE JUST DISTRIBUTION OF RESOURCES AND TO THE MINIMIZATION

OF WASTEFUL ASPECTS OF THEIR USE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD;

(K) THE GROWING INTERDEPENDENCE OF COUNTRIES MAKES THE ADOPTION OF MEASURES AT THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT FOR THE SOLUTION OF PROBLEMS OF DEVELOPMENT AND POPULATION PROBLEMS. INTERNATIONAL STRATEGIES WILL NOT REALLY ACHIEVE THEIR OBJECTIVES UNLESS THEY ENABLE THE UNDER-PRIVILEGED STRATA OF THE WORLD'S POPULATION, THROUGH STRUCTURAL, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC REFORMS, TO ATTAIN A DISTINCT

AND EARLY IMPROVEMENT IN THEIR LIVING CONDITIONS.

(L) THIS PLAN OF ACTION MUST BE SUFFICIENTLY FLEXIBLE IN ORDER TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE CONSEQUENCES OF RAPID DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGES, OF SOCIAL CHANGES AND CHANGES IN HUMAN BEHAVIOUR, ATTITUDES AND VALUES;

(M) THE OBJECTIVES OF THIS PLAN OF ACTION SHOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH THE PURPOSES AND PRINCIPLES OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER, THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND WITH THE OBJECTIVES OF THE SECOND UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT DECADE; HOWEVER, CHANGES IN DEMO-
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GRAPHIC VARIABLES DURING THE DECADE ARE LARGELY THE RESULT OF PAST DEMOGRAPHIC EVENTS AND CHANGES IN DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS SOUGHT DURING THE

DECADE HAVE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC REPERCUSSIONS UP TO AND BEYOND THE END OF THIS CENTURY.

14. GUIDED BY THESE PRINCIPLES, THE PRIMARY AIM OF THIS PLAN OF ACTION

IS TO EXPAND AND DEEPEN THE CAPACITIES TO DEAL EFFECTIVELY WITH THEIR NATIONAL AND SUBNATIONAL POPULATION PROBLEMS AND TO PROMOTE

AN APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL RESPONSE TO THEIR NEEDS BY INCREASING INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITY IN RESEARCH, THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION, AND THE PROVISION OF ASSISTANCE ON REQUEST. IN PURSUIT OF THIS PRIMARY AIM, THE FOLLOWING GENERAL OBJECTIVES ARE SET FOR THIS PLAN OF ACTION.

(A) TO ADVANCE UNDERSTANDING OF POPULATION AT NATIONAL, SUBNATIONAL, REGIONAL AND GLOBAL LEVELS, RECOGNIZING THE DIVERSITY OF THE PROBLEMS INVOLVED;

(B) TO ADVANCE NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING OF THE INTERRELATEDNESS OF DEMOGRAPHIC AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC FACTORS IN DEVELOPMENT; OF THE NATURE AND SCOPE OF THE CONTRIBUTION OF DEMOGRAPHIC FACTORS TO THE ATTAINMENT OF GOALS OF ADVANCING HUMAN WELFARE, ON THE ONE HAND, AND THE IMPACT OF BRADER SOCIAL,

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ECONOMICS AND CULTURAL FACTORS ON DEMOGRAPHIC BEHAVIOUR, ON THE OTHER;

(C) TO PROMOTE SOCIO-ECONOMIC MEASURES AND PROGRAMMES WHOSE AIM IS TO

AFFECT, INTER ALIA, POPULATION GROWTH, MORBIDITY AND MORTALITY, REPRODUCTION AND FAMILY FORMATION, POPULATION DISTRIBUTION AND INTERNAL MIGRATION, INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION, AND CONSEQUENTLY DEMOGRAPHIC

STRUCTURES;

(D) TO ADVANCE NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING OF THE COM-

PLEX RELATIONS AMONG THE PROBLEMS OF POPULATION, RESOURCES, ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT, AND TO PROMOTE A UNIFIED ANALYTICAL APPROACH TO THE STUDY OF THIS INTERRELATIONSHIP AND TO RELEVANT POLICIES;

(E) TO PROMOTE THE STATUS OF WOMEN AND EXPANSION OF THEIR ROLES, THE FULL PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN THE FORMULATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF SOCIO-ECONOMIC POLICY INCLUDING POPULATION POLICIES AND THE CREATION OF AWARENESS AMONG ALL WOMEN OF THEIR CURRENT AND UNCLASSIFIED

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POTENTIAL ROLES IN NATIONAL LIFE;

(F) TO RECOMMEND GUIDELINES FOR POPULATION POLICIES CONSISTENT WITH NATIONAL VALUES AND GOALS AND WITH INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED PRINCIPLES;

(G) TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF POPULATION POLICIES

WHERE NECESSARY, INCLUDING IMPROVEMENT IN THE COMMUNICATION OF THE PURPOSES AND GOALS OF THESE POLICIES TO THE PUBLIC AND THE PROMOTION OF POPULATION PARTICIPATION IN THEIR FORMULATION AND IMPLEMENTATION;

(H) TO ENCOURAGE THE DEVELOPMENT AND GOOD MANAGEMENT OF APPROPRIATE EDUCATION, TRAINING, RESEARCH, INFORMATION AND FAMILY HEALTH SERVICES

,
AS WELL AS STATISTICS IN SUPPORT OF THE ABOVE PRINCIPLES AND OBJECTIVES.

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